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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISITOR PROGRAM FOR DR. JOFFRE GARCIA JAIME

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1. MISSION OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS MATTERS BOTH IN QUITO AND GUAYAQUIL HAVE DEVELOPED CLOSE AND USEFUL CONTACT WITH DR. JOFFRE GARCIA JAIME, GUAYAQUIL-BASED CHIEF OF THE NARCOTICS CONTROL DIVISION WITHIN GOE MINISTRY OF HELATH. GARCIA IS ALSO A LAWYER AND A FREQUENT CONTRIBUTOR OF ARTICLES ON NARCOTICS MATTERS IN EL UNIVERSO, LEADING GUAYAQUIL DAILY. IN ADDITION, HE HOLDS POSITION OF TECHNICAL AND JURIDICAL ADVISOR TO ECUADOR NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HYGIENE.

2. AS HEAD OF NARCOTICS CONTROL DIVISION IN HEALTH MINISTRY, GARCIA IS INVOLVED IN CONTROL OF ALL LEGAL IMPORTS OF NARCOTICS SUBSTANCES, TREATMENT OF ADDICTS AND VARIOUS TYPES OF ANALYSIS OF CAPTURED DRUGS. IN THE PAST HE HAS PLAYED MAJOR ROLE IN DRAFTING ECUADOREAN LEGISLATION ON NARCOTICS MATTERS AND, AS A LEADING COLUMNIST (SOON-TO-BE TV COMMENTATOR), HE IS ONE OF FEW ECUADOREAN PROFESSIONALS WHO HAS WORKED LONG AND ACTIVELY ON SUBJECT OF INCREASING ECUADOREAN PUBLIC AWARENESS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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DRUG PROBLEM. INDEED, GARCIA HAS WORKED ON ONE ASPECT OR

ANOTHER OF NARCOTICS QUESTION FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS AND THEREFORE QUALIFIES AS ONE OF ECUADOR'S FEW TRUE EXPERTS ON SOCIAL ASPECTS OF DRUG ABUSE.

3. IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH MISSION OFFICIALS, GARCIA HAS EXPRESSED A STRONG INTEREST IN VISITING US TO UPDATE HIS FAMILIARITY WITH SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF DRUG ABUSE PROBLEMS. MISSION BELIEVES THAT IF CCINC FUNDS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR A FOUR WEEK TRIP BY GARCIA ALONG THESE LINES IT WOULD BE AN EXTREMELY GOOD INVESTMENT, PARTICULARLY SINCE UP TO NOW OUR EMPHASIS HAS TENDED TO BE ON ENFORCEMENT RATHER THAN OTHER ASPECTS OF NARCOTICS PROBLEMS IN ECUADOR. SPONSORING SUCH VISIT AT THIS TIME WOULD ALSO ENABLE US TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF RECENT GROWING AWARENESS ON PART OF RESPONSIBLE ECUADOREANS THAT THEY HAVE A DRUG PROBLEM OF THEIR OWN. THIS SHOULD ALSO PAY DIVIDENDS IN ENFORCEMENT AREA.

4. IN DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A VISIT, MISSION OFFICIALS HAVE MADE NO PROMISES TO GARCIA AND HE IS COMPLETELY AWARE THAT ANY SUCH PROJECT REQUIRES PRIOR CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON AGENCIES. AS RESULT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS, HOWEVER, GARCIA HAS SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE ITINERARY:

- A. WASHDC (HEW, DEA & US CUSTOMS, JUSTICE CRIMINAL DIV, REHAB CENTERS AND HALF-WAY HOUSES).
- B. NEW YORK CITY (DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DA, UN AND REHAB CENTERS AND HALF-WAY HOUSES).
- C. LEXINGTON, KY (FED. REHAB CENTER).
- D. CALIF (DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DA AND REHAB CENTERS AND HALF-WAY HOUSES, SYNANON).
- E. DAYTOP VILLAGE AND PHOENIX HOUSES.

5. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING FROM DEPT WHETHER CCINC FUNDS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR PROJECT OUTLINED ABOVE AND WHETHER DEPT BELIEVES SOME SUCH PROGRAM CAN BE WORKED OUT FOR GARCIA. IT OCCURS TO US THAT IDEAL SPONSOR FOR SUCH VISIT WOULD BE SAODAP. GARCIA IS AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL ANY TIME IN NEW FY ALTHOUGH HE PREFERS TO AVOID VISITING US DURING WINTER SEASON. WE BELIEVE SEPTEMBER UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD BE AN IDEAL TIME FOR HIS TRIP.

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